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1. AS YOU KNOW, HIGHEST AUTHORITY HAS PUBLICLY USED
CURRENT FIGURES ON NORTH VIETNAMESE INFILTRATION. FIGURES USED WERE

25X1 TAKEN FROM [REDACTED] PUBLICATION, BUT REPRESENT JOINTLY AGREED

25X1 WASHINGTON FIGURES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ANSWER PRESS QUERIES MERELY STATES WE

NOW REPEAT NOW ABLE PROVIDE ESTIMATES ON CURRENT INFILTRATION FLOW BECAUSE OF IMPROVED INTELLIGENCE GATHERING METHODS ALONG AVENUES OF APPROACH TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

2. THIS NEW FOUND CAPABILITY UNFORTUNATELY GIVES RISE

TO INTEREST IN DEVELOPING NEW SETS OF [REDACTED]

CALCULATIONS WHICH WOULD COMPUTE NET ORDER OF BATTLE

STRENGTH CHANGES FROM ESTIMATES OF CURRENT INFILTRATION AND

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CURRENT LOSS FIGURES. WHILE ON THE SURFACE THIS HAS SEEING MERIT, WE HAVE TENDED TO RESIST PRESSURES IN THIS DIRECTION BECAUSE OF VAST COMPLICATIONS THIS WOULD CREATE FOR ENTIRE ORDER OF BATTLE PROBLEM. SUCH AN EXERCISE WOULD CREATE OWN LARGE CANS OF WORMS IN TERMS OF EFFORTS TO CREATE NEW, RETROACTIVELY ADJUSTED COMPUTATIONS AND CALCULATIONS WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SAKE OF CONSISTENCY *AND HISTORICAL COMPARISONS*. MOREOVER, IT MIGHT REVIVE QUESTIONS RELATED TO OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH MACV'S ORDER OF BATTLE METHODS WHICH ARE BEST LEFT DORMANT.

3. THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE COMMUNICATIONS TO OTHER MISSION COMPONENTS SUGGESTING VARIOUS MEANS OF TACKLING THIS PROBLEM. I TRUST YOU WILL COUNSEL LESS HASTE AND MORE DELIBERATION, POINTING OUT AS APPROPRIATE THAT [REDACTED] IS NOT REPEAT NOT PUSHING FOR ANY NEW SETS OF FIGURES OR ESTIMATES.

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4. IT MAY BE SUGGESTED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS THAT

BE USED BY THE MISSION TO ASSIST IN ANY EXERCISE RE-

LATED TO THIS PROBLEM. IN SUCH EVENT, YOU MIGHT NOTE THAT

MY INSTRUCTIONS ON CURRENT MISSION ^{WOULD} NOT ALLOW HIM,

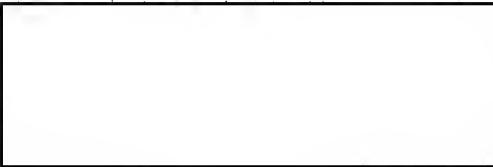
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ACTIVITIES OF THIS NATURE.

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